



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

June 27, 2016

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

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RE: WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual §54.313 / 54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low
Income Recipient, Form 481

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is an original and copy of the annual report for Lincoln Telephone
Company, Inc., Study Area Code 482244 pursuant to §54.313 / 54.422 of the
Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions at:

Phone: 406.362.4216

Email: ltc@lincotel.net

Sincerely,

Ken Lumpkin
Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager

Enclosures

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Date: July 1, 2016

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**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017,
Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"**

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin

Kenneth Lumpkin
General Manager

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0046/OMB Control No. 3045-0038 July 2013
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<015> Study Area Name	LINCOLN TEL CO INC	
<020> Program Year	2017	
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<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	kennethlumpkin@lincotel.net	
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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July 2013

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kennethlumpkin@linctel.net

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?

If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5

<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?

(yes / no) ☒ ☐

(yes / no) ☐ ☐

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line
<112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year
plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony
service.

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<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years,
your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a
CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only
required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm
that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year
service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be
submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets

<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received

<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality

<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage

<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity

<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met
in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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**Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
2015**

PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was filed.

Lincoln Telephone advises that the environment in which the Company operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Network Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory decisions that have been subsequently adopted, and as their implication upon the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality became known.

Modifications to the network plan been taken due to project financing delays.

Targets not met or changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing are identified and reasons provided for those changes.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Lincoln Telephone received a total of \$547,000 USF support funds in 1995. The breakdown of the funding was:

- \$116,014 High Cost Loop Support
- \$181,200 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$249,786 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures (CAPEX) as well as to cover operating expenses (OPEX) and fixed costs

incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 for CAPEX was \$418,778 (77%); for OPEX \$128,222 (23%).

In the accompanying 2015 project detail, expenditures for network improvements sometimes involve service quality, coverage and capacity as an integrated improvement project and are not mutually exclusive from one another. In terms of cost, projects involving multiple qualifiers are of equal dollar equivalence. Where a project involves a single qualifier, it is so noted.

PROGRESS REPORT

2015

Lincoln Telephone based its improvement plan on the completion and submission of a Rural Utility Service loan application. Unfortunately the loan process has been delayed and Lincoln Telephone is using its operating cash flows for network improvements until loan approval.

Alice Creek Fiber Project: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to this remote area within the Lincoln exchange. Of the twelve premises only three are served with commercial power. The project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$92,820.

Highway 279 – Flesher Pass: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to another remote area with the Lincoln exchange. This project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$145,632 and serves eight subscribers in a mountain terrain.

Central Office: Lincoln Telephone upgraded switching capabilities of its Genband C15 and added transmission equipment to enhance its capacity. These service quality and capacity expenditures were completed in October 2015 with an investment of \$154,407.

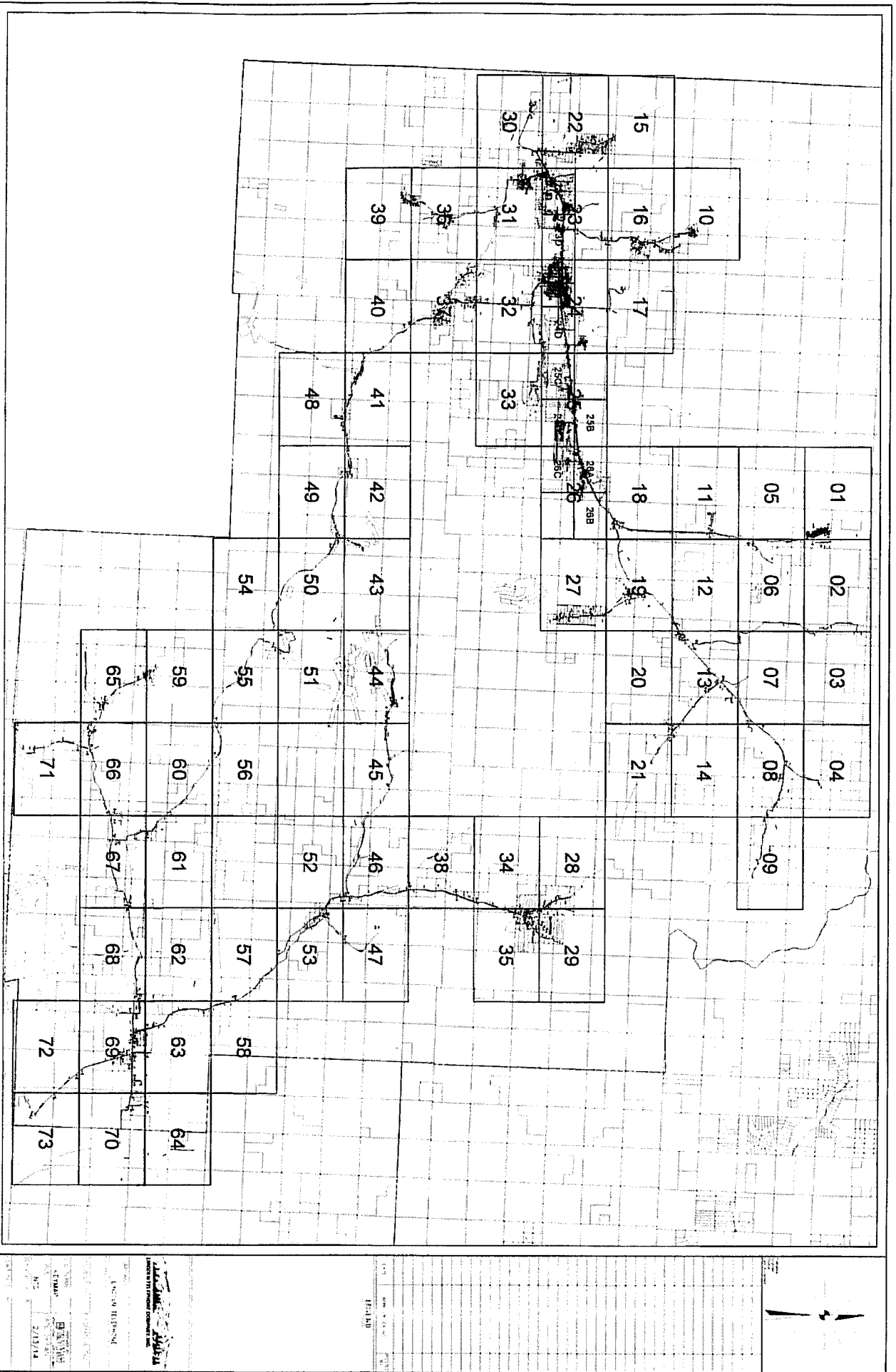
Vehicles: One service truck was replaced in 2015 and a cost of \$25,919.

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.

2016 Annual Report

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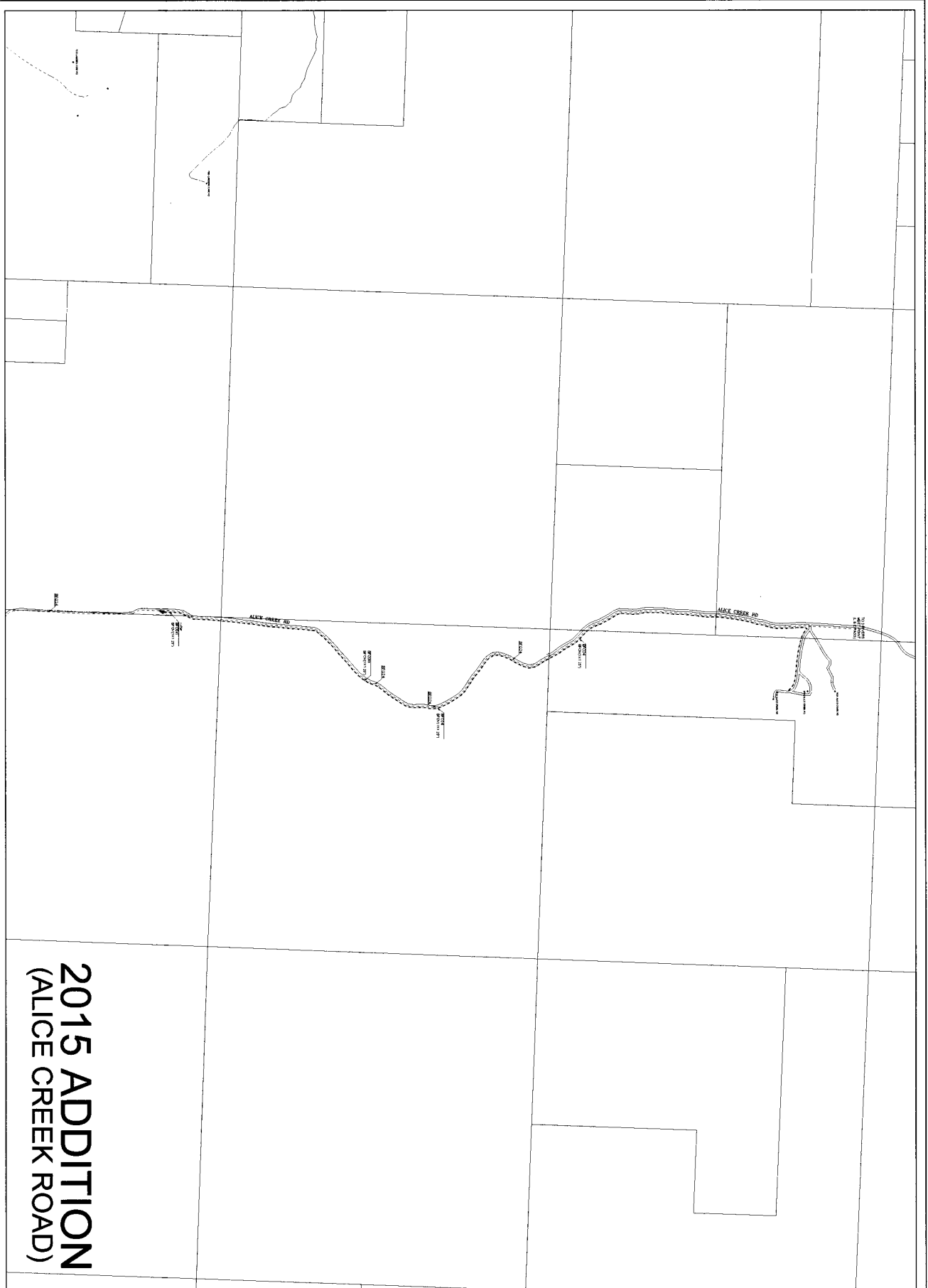
WireCenter - CLLI	Project Description	Purpose	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Subscribers Fulfilled	Estimated Completion	Actual Completion	Notes
Lincoln-LNCLMTXC	Alice Creek FTTH	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 95,000	\$ 92,820	12	Nov-15	Nov-15	
Lincoln-LNCLMTXC	Flesher Pass FTTH	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 150,000	\$ 145,632	8	Nov-15	Nov-15	
All	CO Switching /Transmission	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,407	829	Nov-15	Nov-15	
All	Replace One Vehicle	General	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,919	829	Jun-15	Aug-15	
			<u>\$ 435,000</u>	<u>\$ 418,778</u>				




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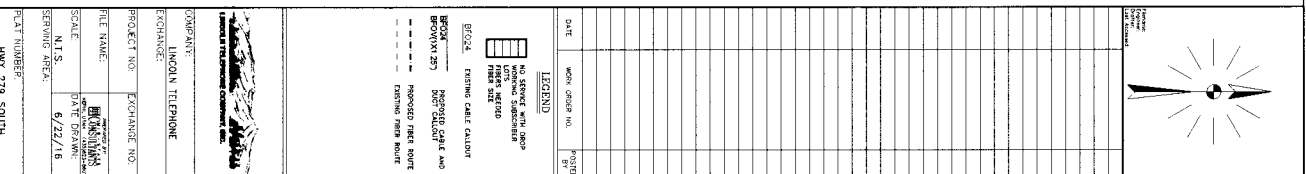
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FOR: [Signature]

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2015 ADDITION (ALICE CREEK ROAD)

		LEGEND NO SERVICE WITH ROAD LOT'S PROPOSED CREEK AND SOFT CULVERT PROPOSED FENCE ROW EXISTING FENCE ROW	
COMPANY: LINCOLN TELEPHONE PROJECT NO: EXCHANGE NO: FILE NAME: DATE OF PLAN: N.T.S. SCALE: 6/23/16 PLAT NUMBER: ALICE CREEK ROAD	DATE: WORK ORDER NO: 87	51024 EXISTING CREEK CULVERT BROOK (BROOKVA 25) SOFT CULVERT PROPOSED FENCE ROW EXISTING FENCE ROW	51024 EXISTING CREEK CULVERT BROOK (BROOKVA 25) SOFT CULVERT PROPOSED FENCE ROW EXISTING FENCE ROW



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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<020> Program Year 2017

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line
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<030> kenneth.lumpkin@linctel.net

<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report
voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior
calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for
any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice 0.0

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

<430> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report
end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in
the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated
an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband

<440> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband 0.0

<450> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

[500] Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

FCC Form 481

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes

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<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 4 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Lincoln Telephone provides CPNI training to all of its existing and new employees. In addition, Lincoln Telephone trains staff and new employees on Red Flag issues. All Lincoln Telephone employees are required to sign and acknowledge they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training, received a current copy of the Lincoln Telephone's CPNI and Red Flag Manual and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. The CPNI and Red Flag Coordinator conducts follow-up training sessions for employees who (a) assume new job responsibilities likely to bring them into contact with new and/or existing covered accounts of customers; (b) if and when material changes and other substantial revisions, modifications and updates are made to the Program; and/or (c) periodically when Lincoln's management and Coordinator believe a refresher training session is needed to remind employees of identity theft issues, Red Flag matter and CPNI. Annually, the Board receives, reviews and accepts CPNI and Red Flag reports from management.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. complies with service standards as promulgated in the Administrative Rules of the State of Montana 38.5.33, Telecommunications Service Standards.

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	482244mt610.pdf

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482244mt610.pdf

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has the following back up power capabilities:

Switch

Genband C15

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Remote Central Office

Calix

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Subscriber Carriers

Calix or AFC

48V Batteries 4 hour run time

Portable Gasoline Generators 8 hour run time

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 754 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office.

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 103 customers with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customer's NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 10 hours with no use and 6 hours with constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has built redundant facilities between its exchanges and / or to its connecting company / toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Vision Net, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average 857 customers, switching capacity of 10,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 1,000 simultaneous calls. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

**(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form**

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4063624216 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>

kennethlumpkin@lincotel.net

<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

1/1/2016

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

<703>

<01>		<02>		<03>		<04>		<05>		<06>		<07>		<08>		<09>		<10>		
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees												

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3050-0986/OMB Control No. 3050-0819
July 2013

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Kenneth Lumpkin

4063624216 ext.

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(720) Broadband Prices Offerings
Data Collection Form

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**(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form**

PCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3050-0986/OMB Control No. 3050-0519
July 2013

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<020> Program Year 2017

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
MT	Canyon Creek	59.9	0.0	59.9	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, No Limit
MT	Canyon Creek	77.8	0.0	77.8	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No Limit
MT	Canyon Creek	96.8	0.0	96.8	25.0	4.0	999999	Other, No Limit
MT	Lincoln	59.9	0.0	59.9	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, No Limit
MT	Lincoln	77.8	0.0	77.8	10.0	1.0	999999	Other, No Limit
MT	Lincoln	96.8	0.0	96.8	25.0	4.0	999999	Other, No Limit

(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	N/A

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

if your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes/No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s) on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

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- | | |
|-------|--|
| <921> | Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. |
| <922> | Feasibility and sustainability planning; |
| <923> | Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; |
| <924> | Compliance with Rights of way processes |
| <925> | Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements |
| <926> | Compliance with Facilities Siting rules |
| <927> | Compliance with Environmental Review processes |
| <928> | Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes |
| <929> | Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements. |

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

DOC Form 481

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance		482244mt1010.pdf
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		<p>Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau</p>
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		482244mt1030.pdf

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482244mt1010.pdf

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a) (10) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. is in compliance with the requirement that voice service is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362 issued in April 2016. Lincoln Telephone's current total local end-user rate of \$16.00 or \$18.45 are not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
482244mt1030.pdf

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a) (1) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. charges a residential rate of \$77.80 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 1Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is at the 2015 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

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Yes

<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1100) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

LIFELINE FORM



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

☐ Initial Lifeline Enrollment

☐ Re-Verification of Lifeline Enrollment

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Last 4 of Social Security #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Residential Address (No PO Boxes, must be your physical address)

Street Address: _____

Name of Apt. Complex/Multi Resident Facility: _____

Apt. No.: _____ Multi Resident Facility Room/Bed No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This address is:

☐ Permanent

☐ Temporary

☐ Multi-household

I share an address with another person(s) over the age of 18. However, they do not contribute to my household or share in the household expenses. ☐ Yes

☐ No (If yes, please complete the Household Worksheet on Page 2. If no, you can skip the Household Worksheet.)

ELIGIBILITY

QUALIFYING BENEFICIARY (Please complete if you or a dependent in your household is receiving benefits from one or more of the programs listed below.)

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND PRESENT DOCUMENTATION PROVING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

☐ Food Stamps (SNAP)

☐ Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)

☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ National School Lunch (Free Program Only)

☐ Medicaid

☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

☐ Income qualification: Person's whose household income is at or below 135% of national poverty level qualifies.

How many people are in your household? _____

Qualifying income per person:

(1) \$15,890

(2) \$21,506

(3) \$27,122

(4) \$32,738

(5) \$38,354

(Add \$4,160 for each additional person.)

TO QUALIFY BASED ON YOUR INCOME YOU MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF ONE OR MORE OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW.

- 3 Consecutive Paystubs
- Social Security Benefits Statement
- Unemployment/Workers Compensation Benefits Statement
- Divorce Decree or Child Support Document
- Retirement/Pension Benefit Statement
- Veterans Administration Benefits Statement
- Prior Year's State or Federal Tax Return

CERTIFICATIONS

PLEASE READ AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AGREE BY INITIALING EACH STATEMENT BELOW:

_____ I understand that Lifeline is a federal government benefit program and that only qualified person may participate in the program.

_____ I understand that Lifeline is only available for one phone line per household, whether landline or wireless. To the best of my knowledge no one in my household is receiving Lifeline benefits. (Note: Please complete HOUSEHOLD WORKSHEET section if you live in a multiple dwelling facility).

_____ I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and not currently receiving a Lifeline telephone service from any other landline or wireless telephone company. I understand that any violation of the one phone line per household limitation will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program and may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

_____ I will not transfer my service to any other individual, including another eligible low-income consumer.

_____ I understand that I will be required to recertify my eligibility for Lifeline service at least annually, and that failure to do so will result in termination of Lifeline benefits. I will notify Lincoln Telephone immediately if I no longer qualify.

_____ I will notify Lincoln Telephone within thirty (30) days if my home address changes. Failure to provide such notification may result in de-enrollment from the program.

_____ I understand that completion of this application and provision of documentation does not constitute immediate approval for Lifeline services.

_____ I understand that my name, telephone number and address will be divulged to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) (the administrator of the program) and/or its agents for the purpose of verifying that I do not receive more than one Lifeline Benefit.

HOUSEHOLD WORKSHEET

Only ONE lifeline service may be obtained per household. "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" is defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline support is available to eligible low-income consumers living in group living facilities. As a lifeline applicant, you must demonstrate that any other Lifeline recipients residing at your residential address are part of a separate household.

If there are multiple unique households at your address, as defined in this program, please also complete and submit the Household Section below.

For example, if you live in an apartment building, in a nursing home or in another type of multi-dwelling facility. This will assist us in being able to respond promptly to your request for Lifeline benefits. Answer the questions below to determine whether there is more than one household residing at your address.

1. Does your spouse or domestic partner (that is, someone you are married to or in a relationship with) already receive a Lifeline-discounted phone? (check no if you do not have a spouse or partner) ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked YES, you may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline. Only ONE Lifeline discount is allowed per household.
 - If you checked NO, please answer question #2.
2. Other than a spouse or partner, do other adults (people over the age of 18 or emancipated minors) live with you at your address?

A. A parent <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	D. An adult roommate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
B. An adult son or daughter <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	E. Other <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C. Another adult relative (such as a sibling, aunt, cousin, grandparent, grandchild, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

 - If you checked NO for each statement above, you do not need to answer the remaining questions. Please initial line B, below, and sign and date the worksheet.
 - If you checked YES, please answer question #3.
3. Do you share living expenses (bills, food, etc.) and share income (either your income, the other person's income or both incomes together) with at least one of the adults listed above in question #2? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked NO, then your address includes more than one household. Please initial lines A and B below, and sign and date the worksheet.
 - If you checked YES, then your address includes only one household. You may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline.
4. Do any of the adults listed in question #2 already receive a lifeline discounted phone? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked NO, please initial the line B below, and sign and date the worksheet.
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HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION

(To be completed only if you live in a group living facility or if there is more than one household living at your address.)

- A. ☐ I certify that I live at an address occupied by multiple households.
- B. ☐ I understand that violation of the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communication Commission's rules and may result in me losing my Lifeline benefits, and potentially, prosecution by the United States government.

By signing below I am certifying that all information contained on this form and in my documentation is true and correct. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information in order to obtain Lifeline benefits that I will be guilty of perjury which is punishable by fines or imprisonment up to five years.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your completed form and your supporting documentation using one of the following methods:

Mail:

Lincoln Telephone
111 Stemple Pass Rd
Lincoln, Mt 59639

Fax: 406-362-4606

Email: ltc@lincintel.net

Drop off at the Lincoln Telephone office - 111 Stemple Pass Rd.

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Date Form and Document Received: _____ Customer SPID: _____

Specific Documentation Provided by Customer Supporting Eligibility: _____

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including rate-of-return carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	482244
<015>	Study Area Name	LINCOLN TEL CO INC
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Kenneth Lumpkin
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4063624216 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kennethlumpkin@linctel.net

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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July 2013

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

482244mt3010.pdf

Date: July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017,
Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"**

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin
General Manager

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(3005) Rate Of Return Data Collection Form	PC Form 482 OMB No. 3045-0047 EPA Form 3045-0047 Control No. 3045-0047
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<015>	Study Area Name	LINCOLN TEL CO INC
<020>	Program Year	2017
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

(3009) Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Yes - Attach Certification

(3010A) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

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(3010B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

No - No New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}

☒ ☐

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

☒ ☐

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

☒

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☒

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

☐ ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

☐

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☐

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

☐

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

☐

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

☐

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☐

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

USDA-RUS			This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.			
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS			BORROWER NAME			
			Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data)			
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.			PERIOD ENDING December, 2015		BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525	
CERTIFICATION						
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.						
<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report						
Kenneth Lumpkin			3/25/2016			
			DATE			
PART A. BALANCE SHEET						
ASSETS		BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS				CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	151,073	463,807	25. Accounts Payable	17,719	27,991	
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	0	0	26. Notes Payable	0	0	
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	0	0	
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	81,239	93,126	28. Customer Deposits	2,233	3,738	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	66,741	57,132	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	70,101	73,409	
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	0	0	
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases	0	0	
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32. Income Taxes Accrued	25,447	31,039	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	106,182	0	33. Other Taxes Accrued	10,582	11,247	
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34. Other Current Liabilities	166	166	
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	24,088	5,075	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	126,248	147,590	
6. Material-Regulated	54,897	36,206	LONG-TERM DEBT			
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9. Other Current Assets	1,909	0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0	
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	506,422	663,826	39. Funded Debt-Other	0	0	
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	0	0	
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0	
a. Rural Development	0	0	42. Reacquired Debt	0	0	
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0	
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0	
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16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	
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Total Equity = 51.52% % of Total Assets

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INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

BORROWER DESIGNATION

MT0525

PERIOD ENDED

December, 2015

Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
Canyon Creek	22.75	18.45	6	135	141	87.80	14.04
Lincoln	22.75	18.45	146	542	688	258.86	45.33
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						20.00	20.00
Total			152	677	829	366.66	79.37
No. Exchanges	2						

USDA-RUS

**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

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4. BROADBAND SERVICE

Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Canyon Creek	141	78	9	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Lincoln	688	423	78	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Total	829	501						

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS			BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525 <hr/> PERIOD ENDING December, 2015		
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2					
PART D. SYSTEM DATA					
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile	
3	3	2,015	.41	2.26	
PART E. TOLL DATA					
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis </div> </div>			
PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR					
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended					
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended					
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval					
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended					
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)					368,069
6. Salvaged Materials					
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction					
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)					368,069
PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES					
INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525 PERIOD ENDING December, 2015
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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES	
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	15.84%
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	15.84%
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	15.84%
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	7.32%
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	7.61%
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	7.61%
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	7.61%
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	7.61%
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	6.70%
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	5.04%
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	5.04%
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	3.48%
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	3.48%
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525	
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		PERIOD ENDED December, 2015	
INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.			
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		151,073
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2.	Net Income		163,972
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
3.	Add: Depreciation		309,319
4.	Add: Amortization		0
5.	Other (Explain) (Gain) Loss on Non Marketable Investment		(6,987)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		103,904
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		18,691
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		11,813
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		1,909
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		10,272
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		0
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		6,257
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		619,150
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		0
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		1,505
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		(70,094)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		166,204
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		2,240
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends		(49,000)
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		0
22.	Other (Explain)		
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		50,855
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		(403,378)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments		(1,850)
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		47,957
27.	Other (Explain)		
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		(357,271)
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		312,734
30.	Ending Cash		463,807

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION BORROWERS**

Board of Directors
Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
Lincoln, Montana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (LTC), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2016. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2016, on our consideration of LTC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above which are related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that LTC failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding LTC noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding LTC's accounting and records to indicate that LTC's did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);



Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the telecommunication system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Amatic's CPA Group

Bozeman, Montana

March 1, 2016

(5005) Part II of Form Capital Additional Documentation (Continued)
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0966/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	1264961
(3028) Operating Expenses	1354845
(3029) Net Income	163972
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	7472327
(3031) Total Assets	4298188
(3032) Total Debt	552843
(3033) Total Equity	2214262
(3034) Dividends	49000

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3000-0085/OMB Control No. 3000-0019 July 2013
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	PCE Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: LINCOLN TEL CO INC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/27/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kenneth Lumpkin	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4063624216 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482244	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

June 27, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual §54.313 / 54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low
Income Recipient, Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is an original and copy of the annual report for Lincoln Telephone
Company, Inc., Study Area Code 482244 pursuant to §54.313 / 54.422 of the
Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions at:

Phone: 406.362.4216

Email: lrc@lincotel.net

Sincerely,

Ken Lumpkin
Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager

Enclosures

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Electronic Filing
Washington, DC 20036

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LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

Date: July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017,
Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"**

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin
General Manager

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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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July 2013

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LINCOLN TEL CO INC

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Kenneth Lumpkin

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4063624216 ext.

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kennethlumpkin@linctel.net

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?

If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?

(yes / no) ☐ ☒

(yes / no) ☐ ☐

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

482244mt112 .pdf

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets

<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received

<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality

<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage

<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity

<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
2015
PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was filed.

Lincoln Telephone advises that the environment in which the Company operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Network Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory decisions that have been subsequently adopted, and as their implication upon the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality became known.

Modifications to the network plan been taken due to project financing delays.

Targets not met or changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing are identified and reasons provided for those changes.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Lincoln Telephone received a total of \$547,000 USF support funds in 1995. The breakdown of the funding was:

- \$116,014 High Cost Loop Support
- \$181,200 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$249,786 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures (CAPEX) as well as to cover operating expenses (OPEX) and fixed costs

incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 for CAPEX was \$418,778 (77%); for OPEX \$128,222 (23%).

In the accompanying 2015 project detail, expenditures for network improvements sometimes involve service quality, coverage and capacity as an integrated improvement project and are not mutually exclusive from one another. In terms of cost, projects involving multiple qualifiers are of equal dollar equivalence. Where a project involves a single qualifier, it is so noted.

PROGRESS REPORT

2015

Lincoln Telephone based its improvement plan on the completion and submission of a Rural Utility Service loan application. Unfortunately the loan process has been delayed and Lincoln Telephone is using its operating cash flows for network improvements until loan approval.

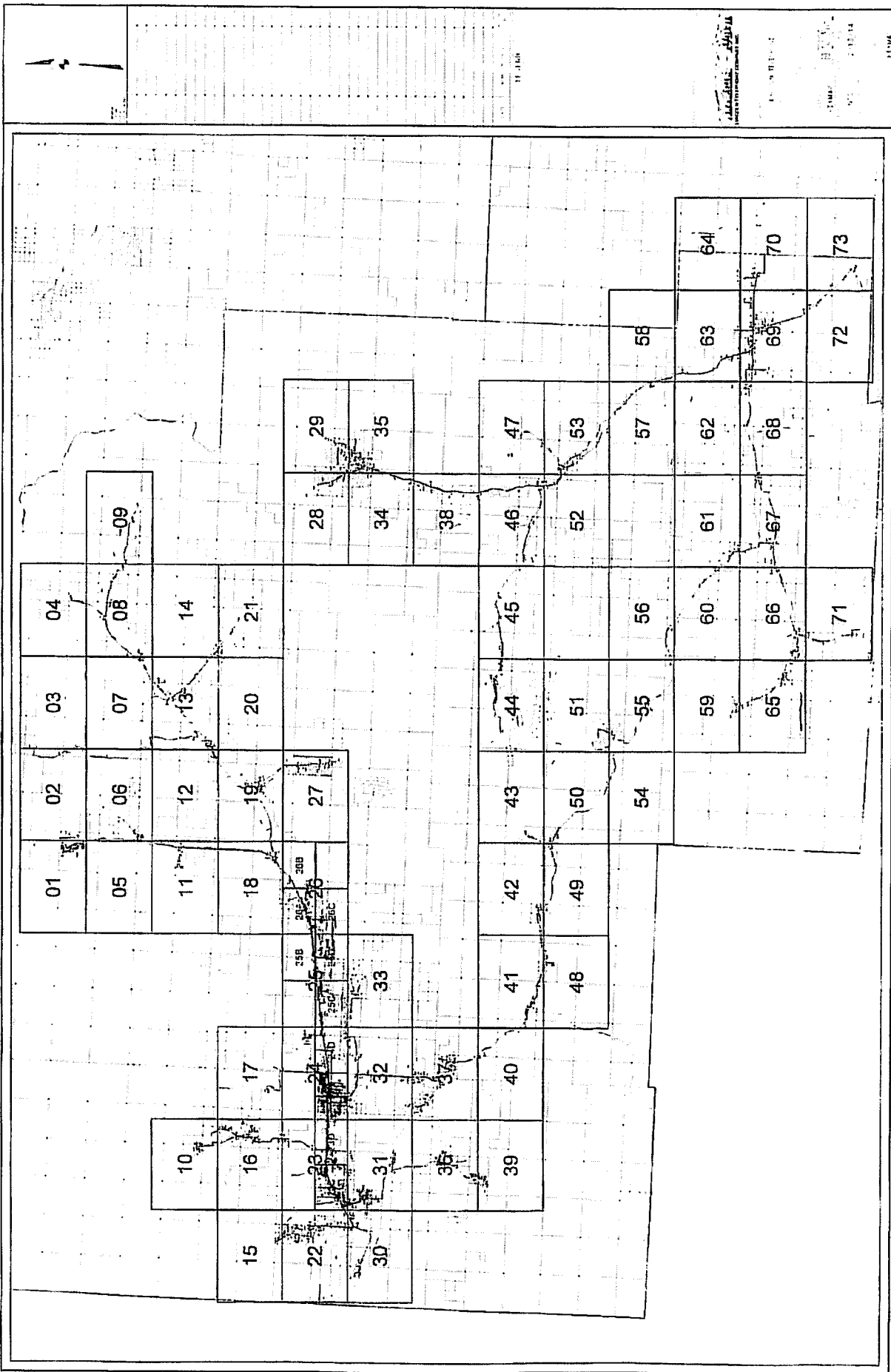
Alice Creek Fiber Project: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to this remote area within the Lincoln exchange. Of the twelve premises only three are served with commercial power. The project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$92,820.

Highway 279 – Flesher Pass: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to another remote area with the Lincoln exchange. This project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$145,632 and serves eight subscribers in a mountain terrain.

Central Office: Lincoln Telephone upgraded switching capabilities of its Genband C15 and added transmission equipment to enhance its capacity. These service quality and capacity expenditures were completed in October 2015 with an investment of \$154,407.

Vehicles: One service truck was replaced in 2015 and a cost of \$25,919.

WireCenter - CLI	Project Description	Purpose	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Subscribers Fulfilled	Estimated Completion	Actual Completion	Notes
Lincoln-LNCLMTXC	Alice Creek FTTH	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 95,000	\$ 92,820	12	Nov-15	Nov-15	
Lincoln-LNCLMTXC	Flesher Pass FTTH	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 150,000	\$ 145,632	8	Nov-15	Nov-15	
All	CO Switching /Transmission	Service Quality, Capacity	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,407	829	Nov-15	Nov-15	
All	Replace One Vehicle	General	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,919	829	Jun-15	Aug-15	
			<u>\$ 435,000</u>	<u>\$ 418,778</u>				



2017

<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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<300>	Unfulfilled service request (voice)	0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0586/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice 0.0

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

<430> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband

<440> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband 0.0

<450> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection FormFCC Form 481
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes

<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance 482244mt510.pdf

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
482244mt510.pdf

Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 4 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Lincoln Telephone provides CPNI training to all of its existing and new employees. In addition, Lincoln Telephone trains staff and new employees on Red Flag issues. All Lincoln Telephone employees are required to sign and acknowledge they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training, received a current copy of the Lincoln Telephone's CPNI and Red Flag Manual and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. The CPNI and Red Flag Coordinator conducts follow-up training sessions for employees who (a) assume new job responsibilities likely to bring them into contact with new and/or existing covered accounts of customers; (b) if and when material changes and other substantial revisions, modifications and updates are made to the Program; and/or (c) periodically when Lincoln's management and Coordinator believe a refresher training session is needed to remind employees of identity theft issues, Red Flag matter and CPNI. Annually, the Board receives, reviews and accepts CPNI and Red Flag reports from management.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. complies with service standards as promulgated in the Administrative Rules of the State of Montana 38.5.33, Telecommunications Service Standards.

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kennethlumpkin@lincetel.net
<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	482244mt.610 .pdf

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Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has the following back up power capabilities:

Switch

Genband C15

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Remote Central Office

Calix

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Subscriber Carriers

Calix or AFC

48V Batteries 4 hour run time

Portable Gasoline Generators 8 hour run time

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 754 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office.

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 103 customers with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customer's NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 10 hours with no use and 6 hours with constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has built redundant facilities between its exchanges and / or to its connecting company / toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Vision Net, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average 857 customers, switching capacity of 10,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 1,000 simultaneous calls. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form

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OMB Control No.
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<010> Study Area Code

<015>	Study Area Name
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<020>	Program Year

Case Number	Case Name	Case Type	Case Status	Case Date	Case Location	Case Agent	Case Notes
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4063624216 ext.	4063624216 ext.
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> kennethlumpkin@lincintel.net

	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
701>	1/1/2016
702>	

701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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LINCOLN TEL CO INC

2017

Kenneth Lumpkin

4063624216 ext.

kennethlumpkin@linctel.net

1/1/2016

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form

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<015> Study Area Name LINCOLN TEL CO INC

<020> Program Year 2017

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (Gb)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kennethlumpkin@lincotel.net
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	N/A

[illegible]

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

[illegible]

<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.

<922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;

<923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;

<924> Compliance with Rights of way processes

<925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements

<926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules

<920> Compliance with Facilities Siting Rules

<927> Compliance with Environmental review processes

<928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation Review Processes

<929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing Requirements

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance		482244mt1010.pdf
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		<p>Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau</p>
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		482244mt1030.pdf

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a) (10) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. is in compliance with the requirement that voice service is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362 issued in April 2016. Lincoln Telephone's current total local end-user rate of \$16.00 or \$18.45 are not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a) (1) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. charges a residential rate of \$77.80 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 1Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is at the 2015 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

LIFELINE FORM



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

☐ Initial Lifeline Enrollment

☐ Re-Verification of Lifeline Enrollment

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Last 4 of Social Security #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Residential Address (No PO Boxes, must be your physical address)

Street Address: _____

Name of Apt. Complex/Multi Resident Facility: _____

Apt. No.: _____ Multi Resident Facility Room/Bed No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This address is:

☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Multi-household

I share an address with another person(s) over the age of 18. However, they do not contribute to my household or share in the household expenses. ☐ Yes

☐ No (If yes, please complete the Household Worksheet on Page 2. If no, you can skip the Household Worksheet.)

ELIGIBILITY

QUALIFYING BENEFICIARY (Please complete if you or a dependent in your household is receiving benefits from one or more of the programs listed below.)

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND PRESENT DOCUMENTATION PROVING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

☐ Food Stamps (SNAP) ☐ Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8) ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ National School Lunch (Free Program Only) ☐ Medicaid

☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

☐ Income qualification: Person's whose household income is at or below 135% of national poverty level qualifies.

How many people are in your household? _____

Qualifying income per person:

(1) \$15,890 (2) \$21,506 (3) \$27,122 (4) \$32,738 (5) \$38,354 (Add \$4,160 for each additional person.)

TO QUALIFY BASED ON YOUR INCOME YOU MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF ONE OR MORE OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW.

- 3 Consecutive Paystubs
- Social Security Benefits Statement
- Unemployment/Workers Compensation Benefits Statement
- Divorce Decree or Child Support Document
- Retirement/Pension Benefit Statement
- Veterans Administration Benefits Statement
- Prior Year's State or Federal Tax Return

CERTIFICATIONS

PLEASE READ AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AGREE BY INITIALING EACH STATEMENT BELOW:

_____ I understand that Lifeline is a federal government benefit program and that only qualified person may participate in the program.

_____ I understand that Lifeline is only available for one phone line per household, whether landline or wireless. To the best of my knowledge no one in my household is receiving Lifeline benefits. (Note: Please complete HOUSEHOLD WORKSHEET section if you live in a multiple dwelling facility).

_____ I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and not currently receiving a Lifeline telephone service from any other landline or wireless telephone company. I understand that any violation of the one phone line per household limitation will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program and may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

_____ I will not transfer my service to any other individual, including another eligible low-income consumer.

_____ I understand that I will be required to recertify my eligibility for Lifeline service at least annually, and that failure to do so will result in termination of Lifeline benefits. I will notify Lincoln Telephone immediately if I no longer qualify.

_____ I will notify Lincoln Telephone within thirty (30) days if my home address changes. Failure to provide such notification may result in de-enrollment from the program.

_____ I understand that completion of this application and provision of documentation does not constitute immediate approval for Lifeline services.

_____ I understand that my name, telephone number and address will be divulged to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) (the administrator of the program) and/or its agents for the purpose of verifying that I do not receive more than one Lifeline Benefit.

HOUSEHOLD WORKSHEET

Only ONE lifeline service may be obtained per household. "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" is defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline support is available to eligible low-income consumers living in group living facilities. As a lifeline applicant, you must demonstrate that any other Lifeline recipients residing at your residential address are part of a separate household.

If there are multiple unique households at your address, as defined in this program, please also complete and submit the Household Section below.

For example, if you live in an apartment building, in a nursing home or in another type of multi-dwelling facility. This will assist us in being able to respond promptly to your request for Lifeline benefits. Answer the questions below to determine whether there is more than one household residing at your address.

1. Does your spouse or domestic partner (that is, someone you are married to or in a relationship with) already receive a Lifeline-discounted phone? (check no if you do not have a spouse or partner) ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked YES, you may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline. Only ONE Lifeline discount is allowed per household.
 - If you checked NO, please answer question #2.
2. Other than a spouse or partner, do other adults (people over the age of 18 or emancipated minors) live with you at your address?

A. A parent <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	D. An adult roommate <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
B. An adult son or daughter <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	E. Other <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C. Another adult relative (such as a sibling, aunt, cousin, grandparent, grandchild, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

 - If you checked NO for each statement above, you do not need to answer the remaining questions. Please initial line B, below, and sign and date the worksheet.
 - If you checked YES, please answer question #3.
3. Do you share living expenses (bills, food, etc.) and share income (either your income, the other person's income or both incomes together) with at least one of the adults listed above in question #2? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked NO, then your address includes more than one household. Please initial lines A and B below, and sign and date the worksheet.
 - If you checked YES, then your address includes only one household. You may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline.
4. Do any of the adults listed in question #2 already receive a lifeline discounted phone? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 - If you checked NO, please initial the line B below, and sign and date the worksheet.
 - If you checked YES, you may not sign up for lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline. Only ONE Lifeline discount is allowed per household.

HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION

(To be completed only if you live in a group living facility or if there is more than one household living at your address.)

- A. ☐ I certify that I live at an address occupied by multiple households.
- B. ☐ I understand that violation of the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communication Commission's rules and may result in me losing my Lifeline benefits, and potentially, prosecution by the United States government.

By signing below I am certifying that all information contained on this form and in my documentation is true and correct. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information in order to obtain Lifeline benefits that I will be guilty of perjury which is punishable by fines or imprisonment up to five years.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your completed form and your supporting documentation using one of the following methods:

Mail:

Lincoln Telephone
111 Stemple Pass Rd
Lincoln, Mt 59639

Fax: 406-362-4606

Email: ltc@lincnet.net

Drop off at the Lincoln Telephone office - 111 Stemple Pass Rd.

LINCTEL USE ONLY

Date Form and Document Received: _____ Customer SPID: _____

Specific Documentation Provided by Customer Supporting Eligibility: _____

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form

Including Note-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

(2009) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)
Data Collection Form
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

Name of Attached Document Listing
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Yes - Attach Certification

(3010A) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

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(3010B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required
Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

No - No New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required
Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}

(Yes/No)

☒ ☐

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

☒ ☐

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

☒

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☒

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required
Information

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(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

☐ ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

☐

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☐

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

☐

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

☐

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

☐

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☐

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required
Information

USDA-RUS			This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.			
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS			BORROWER NAME			
			Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data)			
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.			PERIOD ENDING December, 2015		BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525	
CERTIFICATION						
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.						
ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.						
DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.						
<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report						
Kenneth Lumpkin			3/25/2016			
			DATE			
PART A. BALANCE SHEET						
ASSETS		BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS				CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	151,073	463,807	25. Accounts Payable	17,719	27,991	
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	0	0	26. Notes Payable	0	0	
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	0	0	
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	81,239	93,126	28. Customer Deposits	2,233	3,738	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	66,741	57,132	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	70,101	73,409	
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	0	0	
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases	0	0	
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32. Income Taxes Accrued	25,447	31,039	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	106,182	0	33. Other Taxes Accrued	10,582	11,247	
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34. Other Current Liabilities	166	166	
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	24,088	5,075	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	126,248	147,590	
6. Material-Regulated	54,897	36,206	LONG-TERM DEBT			
7. Material-Nonregulated	0	0	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	570,080	531,714	
8. Prepayments	20,293	8,480	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	0	0	
9. Other Current Assets	1,909	0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0	
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	506,422	663,826	39. Funded Debt-Other	0	0	
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	0	0	
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0	
a. Rural Development	0	0	42. Reacquired Debt	0	0	
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0	
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0	
a. Rural Development	0	0	45. Other Long-Term Debt	56,165	21,129	
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	626,245	552,843	
13. Nonregulated Investments	521,917	523,767	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS			
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	378,641	330,684	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	815,331	850,091	
15. Deferred Charges	0	0	48. Other Deferred Credits	401,958	533,402	
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	900,558	854,451	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	1,217,289	1,383,493	
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY			
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	7,104,258	7,472,327	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	2,450	2,450	
19. Property Held for Future Use	0	0	52. Additional Paid-in-Capital			
20. Plant Under Construction	0	35,309	53. Treasury Stock	(2,240)		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	0	0	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	0	0	
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,444,406	4,727,725	55. Other Capital	0	0	
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	2,659,852	2,779,911	56. Patronage Capital Credits	0	0	
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	2,096,840	2,211,812	
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	2,097,050	2,214,262	
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	4,066,832	4,298,188	
	4,066,832	4,298,188				

Total Equity = 51.52% % of Total Assets

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		PERIOD ENDING December, 2015
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	192,094	189,658
2. Network Access Services Revenues	998,156	1,051,741
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	0	0
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	0	0
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	28,079	26,667
6. Uncollectible Revenues	2,941	3,105
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	1,215,388	1,264,961
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	546,226	480,634
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	26,608	27,554
10. Depreciation Expense	293,688	309,319
11. Amortization Expense	0	0
12. Customer Operations Expense	111,370	149,567
13. Corporate Operations Expense	387,691	387,771
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	1,365,583	1,354,845
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(150,195)	(89,884)
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses	0	0
17. State and Local Taxes	218	0
18. Federal Income Taxes	89,640	41,043
19. Other Taxes	36,760	34,843
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	126,618	75,886
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(276,813)	(165,770)
22. Interest on Funded Debt	36,600	32,928
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases	0	0
24. Other Interest Expense	0	0
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	0	0
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	36,600	32,928
27. Nonoperating Net Income	106,711	124,036
28. Extraordinary Items	0	0
29. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
30. Nonregulated Net Income	276,828	238,634
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	70,126	163,972
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	0	0
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	2,124,714	2,096,840
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	0	0
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	0	0
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)	98,000	49,000
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date	0	0
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital	0	0
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	2,096,840	2,211,812
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	0	0
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital	0	0
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0	0
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	66,764	70,094
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.9861	0.8865
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	1.2579	1.1571
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	2.9160	5.9797
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	5.9975	7.2220

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Canyon Creek	22.75	18.45	6	135	141	87.80	14.04
Lincoln	22.75	18.45	146	542	688	258.86	45.33
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						20.00	20.00
Total			152	677	829	366.66	79.37
No. Exchanges	2						

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4. BROADBAND SERVICE

Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Canyon Creek	141	78	9	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Lincoln	688	423	78	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Total	829	501						

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2					
PART D. SYSTEM DATA					
1. No. Plant Employees	3	2. No. Other Employees	3	3. Square Miles Served	2,015
				4. Access Lines per Square Mile	.41
				5. Subscribers per Route Mile	2,26
PART E. TOLL DATA					
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis </div> </div>			
PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR					
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended					
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended					
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval					
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended					
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)					368,069
6. Salvaged Materials					
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction					
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)					368,069
PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES					
INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES	
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	15.84%
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	15.84%
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	15.84%
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	7.32%
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	7.61%
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	7.61%
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	7.61%
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	7.61%
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	6.70%
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	5.04%
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	5.04%
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	3.48%
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	3.48%
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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		PERIOD ENDED December, 2015	
INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.			
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		151,073	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2. Net Income		163,972	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
3. Add: Depreciation		309,319	
4. Add: Amortization		0	
5. Other (Explain) (Gain) Loss on Non Marketable Investment		(6,987)	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		103,904	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		18,691	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		11,813	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		1,909	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		10,272	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		0	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		6,257	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		619,150	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		0	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		0	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		1,505	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		(70,094)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		166,204	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		2,240	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		(49,000)	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		0	
22. Other (Explain)			
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		50,855	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		(403,378)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments		(1,850)	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		47,957	
27. Other (Explain)			
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		(357,271)	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		312,734	
30. Ending Cash		463,807	

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION BORROWERS**

Board of Directors
Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.
Lincoln, Montana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (LTC), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2016. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2016, on our consideration of LTC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above which are related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that LTC failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding LTC noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding LTC's accounting and records to indicate that LTC's did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);



Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the telecommunication system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Amatic's CPA Group

Bozeman, Montana

March 1, 2016

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<015>	Study Area Name	LINCOLN TEL CO INC
<020>	Program Year	2017
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4063624216 ext.
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	1264961
(3028) Operating Expenses	1354845
(3029) Net Income	163972
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	7472327
(3031) Total Assets	4298188
(3032) Total Debt	552843
(3033) Total Equity	2214262
(3034) Dividends	49000

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0206/OMB Control No. 3060-0619 July 2017
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0186/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: LINCOLN TEL CO INC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/27/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kenneth Lumpkin	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4063624216 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482244	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	